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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, the period for response being extended one month to October 18, 2003 by the filing of the Petition for Extension of Time and Fee paid, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begins on page 2.

Response/Arguments begin on page 8.